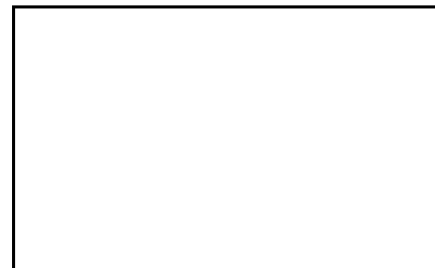




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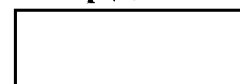


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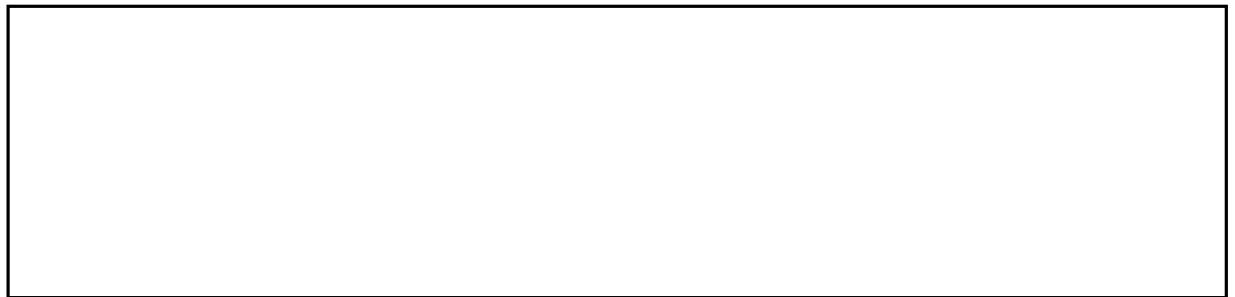
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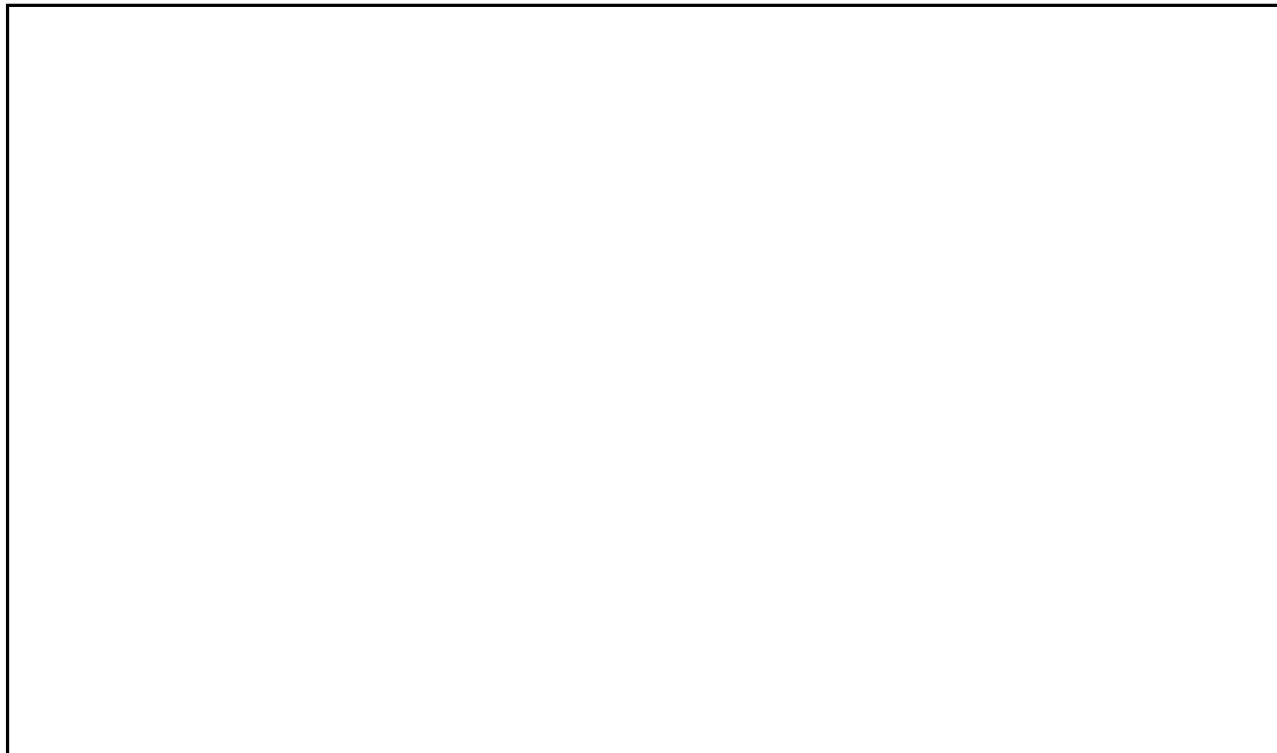
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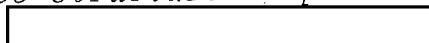
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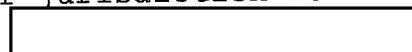
NATO: Theater Nuclear Arms Control Talks

*US, UK, and West German representatives will meet today to discuss terms of reference for a proposed NATO body dealing with theater nuclear arms control issues. They will also wrestle with the question of how to fit this group into the Alliance structure to permit maximum French participation.*



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In presenting the idea of an arms control group early this month, the West Germans implied that the body would discuss all arms control issues. The French and British reacted adversely to this idea; London insisted that it would cooperate only if jurisdiction were limited to theater nuclear questions.



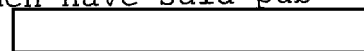
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The West Germans have signaled that they will accept this prescription today. They are anxious to move toward agreement so they can present contending Bundestag factions with tangible progress on both arms control and modernization as part of the theater nuclear force issue.

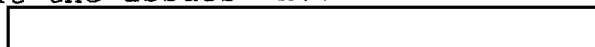


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France probably wants a role in influencing theater nuclear policy but has so far steered clear of consultations among the allies for fear of domestic criticism from opponents of any change in the French independent nuclear stance. The French have expressed doubts about the new arms control forum and have refused to attend recent Alliance meetings on theater nuclear problems. Although other West European nations have suggested that they should play a role if a third round of SALT negotiations takes place because theater nuclear forces might be discussed, French Government spokesmen have said publicly that France would not take part.

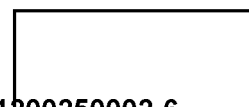


There is a consensus in NATO that Soviet nuclear deployments directed at Western Europe must be countered by NATO theater nuclear force modernization and constrained by Western arms control initiatives. There is no agreement on details, however, and even if today's meeting does speed the creation of the new arms control group, there is no sign that the issues involved will be any easier to resolve.



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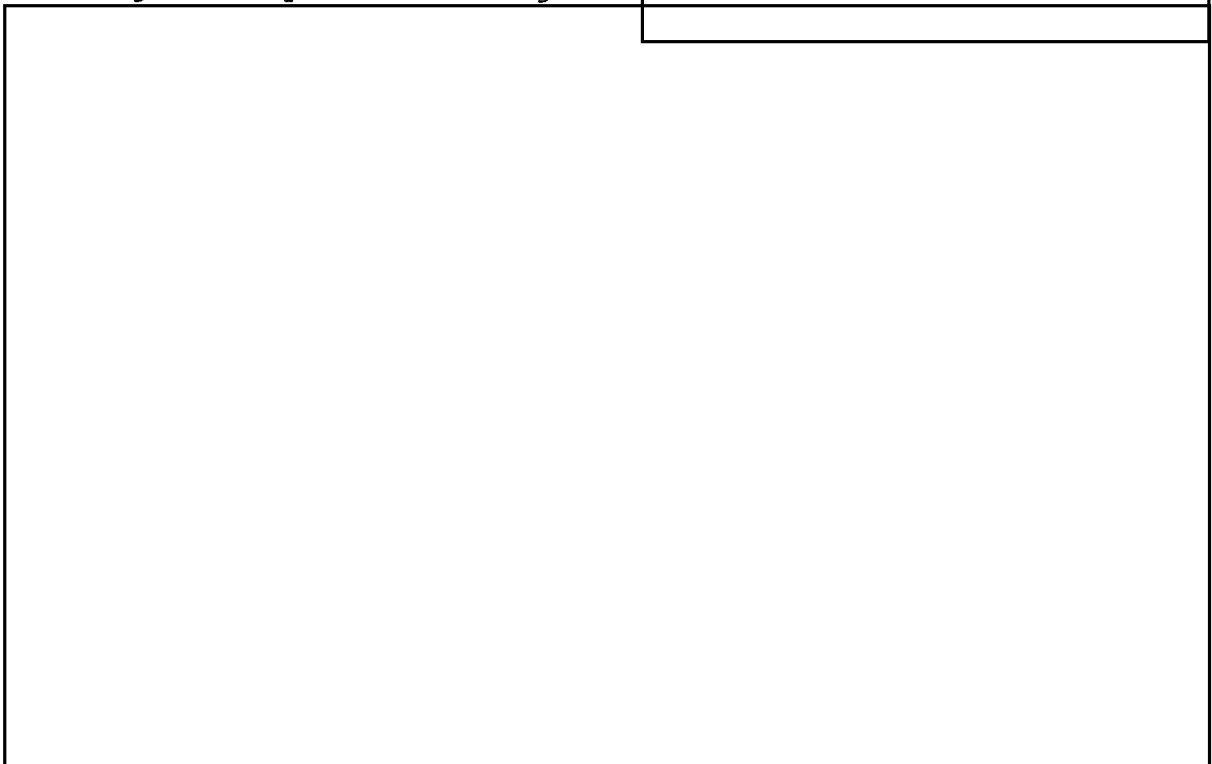
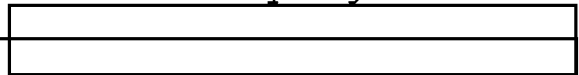
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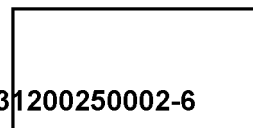
Uganda yesterday requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider Tanzanian "aggression against the Republic of Uganda." Meanwhile, Kampala radio is asserting that Tanzanian artillery began shelling the capital last night.

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Bolivia

The government of President Padilla yesterday forced former President Banzer and four other generals into "obligatory retirement" for having "violated military laws," according to a Spanish press report. The military communique announcing the retirements did not provide specific reasons for the changes.

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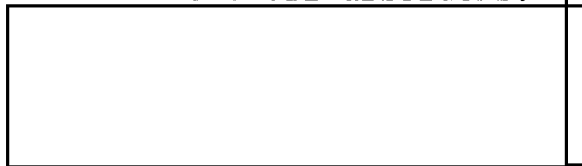
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Nicaragua

Press reports indicate that leftist guerrillas attacked several National Guard patrols and positions in three Managua neighborhoods last night. The attacks reportedly were the heaviest in the capital since last September's civil disorders.

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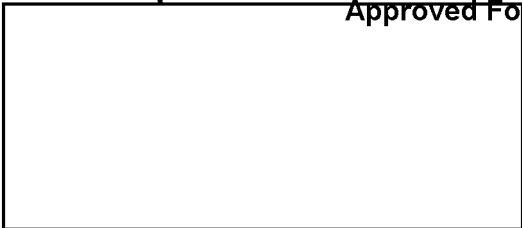
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